





## Mission

- Statewide initiatives in 14:15 Arizona Counties
- Started in Yavapai in 2003
- PURPOSE: To improve outcomes for maltreated infants and toddlers



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## What We Do

- Yavapai FTF Court Team funding supports:
  - Monthly Best For Babies Court Team stakeholders meetings
  - Baby CASA monthly case support
  - Foster parent training
  - New Baby CASA training
  - Child welfare system building with CPS per 0-5
  - Collaboration with Yavapai Juvenile Court judge and court personnel



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## Children Served

- In the most recent quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec 2012) 19 infants, toddlers and pre-school age were removed from their homes and placed in foster care
- These children are all subject to the Best For Babies Essential Services Checklist used by the Juvenile Court judge
- Timely services foster parent support, behavioral health treatment and comprehensive healthcare services are being provided



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## First Things First Court Teams Strategy

- Mohave and Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils are also funding the Court Teams strategy (aka Best for Babies)
- Thank you for your continued support of infants and toddlers least likely to be ready for school by age 5



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